

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2022/23
Decision No.
2386

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 November 2022

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Appendix B to the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy (Fort Fareham Housing Estate Regeneration)
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To approve the inclusion of the site-specific Fort Fareham appendix (Appendix A to the report) with the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy.

To note the contents of Appendix A to the report which details the energy efficiency works being undertaken to the Council owned properties at Fort Fareham estate.

To note that a budget has been set aside for the energy efficiency works to be undertaken, however, other aspirational works will require further investigation.

To also agree in principle the redevelopment of Redoubt Court and the additional works to further improve the site, should budgets allow.

The Regeneration Strategy was adopted at the 01 March 2021 Executive meeting. The Strategy details the factors that will be considered when identifying and progressing housing regeneration opportunities. Appendix A is the second of the individual site-specific appendices produced for Executive approval.

The age and type of build of the homes at Fort Fareham estate mean that the energy efficiency is typically poor. Appendix A details the improvement works that will help reduce energy costs for the Council's tenants and improve the condition of the properties. The project is separated into several areas: houses, flats, Redoubt Court and other improvements.

Redoubt Court has been identified in the emerging Local Plan as having potential for further affordable housing.

It is worth noting that there is little scope to redevelop Fort Fareham as a whole due to the high level of private ownership. Some private owners have already made improvements to their homes to address the inherent thermal issues.

The 'aspirational' area of the project outlines how to further improve the immediate area. These additions may only go ahead if budgets allow. They include enhanced greener installations, removal of the drying areas to provide private gardens for tenants and a community orchard with wildflower grassland. Further details of this and the other projects are outlined in the report.

Options Considered:

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Executive on this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the inclusion of the site-specific Fort Fareham appendix (Appendix A to the report) within the Fareham Housing Regeneration Strategy;
- (b) agrees the principle of redevelopment of Redoubt Court (subject to inclusion within the Local Plan 2037);
- (c) agrees the principle of additional works to further improve the flat blocks and their surrounding areas, should budgets/funding allow.

Reason:

To ensure that the principle to seek a regeneration of Fort Fareham housing estate is appropriate.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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